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CDF Posts Timber Harvesting Plan Information on Web

Sacramento-The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has begun posting status reports on Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs) on the Department's website at www.fire.ca.gov.

"We are pleased to provide landowners and the public with information about timber harvesting plans as they proceed through our review process," says CDF Director Andrea Tuttle. "This will make it easier for people to track the dates at which various actions and decisions are scheduled in the multi-step process."

The CDF reviews approximately 1,200 timber harvesting plans each year. Each plan is submitted by the landowner for approval by CDF. After a plan is filed with the Department it is made available to the public for comment. The review process is extensive and includes participation by many state resource agencies. It also involves onsite inspections by CDF foresters during and after harvesting to ensure compliance with the requirements of the THP.

"By clicking on to our website, any interested individual can view the status of THPs that have been submitted to the Department for review, as well as learn more about CDF's role in implementing the Forest Practice Act and rules. These web pages provide information on the location and size of the plan, and key dates when actions are scheduled to take place", adds Director Tuttle. "Making this type of information available will also promote better understanding of the intense level of review that is given to each harvest operation to ensure forest sustainability. It also helps us achieve our administration's goal of using the web to enable Californians to better track the work of their government."

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